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Free Brush Chipping Days Planned

By Laura "cha" Vernetti, contributing writer

Residents are invited to bring their brush and tree limbs up to 4 inches in diameter to two free chipping days in June. To assist local residents of Green Valley, The Lakes and the surrounding communities in reducing the hazardous fuels on their property, the U.S.D.A. Forest Service will be conducting chipping operations free of charge.

This is Green Valley's third year on June 5, 2010, and the second year for the Lakes, the following weekend on June 12, 2010. The hours are expanded this year from 9 am to 3 pm with early dropoff at 8 am.Chipped material can be taken home.

No grass, leaves, lumber or trash of any kind will be accepted. Any material dropped off before or after the event will be considered illegal dumping.

The event is a joint effort of USDA Forest Service, AFV&L Fire Safe Council, 101 Explorers, Green Valley Charitable Hall and Lakes Community Center.

Last year in Green Valley, we had five trucks, trailers and a tractor and more volunteers from the community that picked up brush around town from some of the worse areas and brought it to the GVHC for chipping. The areas had been previously identified so the county and the owners could be contacted. We would like to do this again this year in Green Valley and in the Lakes. If there is an area of concern please let us know. We also need volunteers! Please call 270-9911 for more information.

We have had a good amount of rain this year and that means more brush. Vacant land owners received a different notice this year from the county implying that inspections would start April 1. Leona Valley/Lakes weed

See Chipping Days, page 15.

The Geezers bid farewell to Roger and Donna Gillen as they prepare to move north. L-R: Al Carlson, Tom Joynt, Ellie Reisner, Bill Axelrod, Roger Gillen, Norm Judd, Bud Lehner.

Congratulations to Leona Valley's 2010 queens: Miss
See page 11 for article and more photos. Grossman photo.

Old Leona Valley School House to be Restored

The West Antelope Valley Historical Society is preparing to start the reconstruction of the 96-year-old one-room schoolhouse located on the Leona Valley Community Building property. The building is the last one-room schoolhouse in L.A. County and is recognized by both the county and State of California as a point of historical interest.

The plan is to work on the building in phases, the first being the front of the building. We are looking for a contractor (preferably local) who will give us a quote and possible take on the project. We have local volunteers who will assist so that we may lower the costs. Any interested parties please contact John Seymour at the following:

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Leona Valley, CA 93551-7418
Home: 661-270-0339
Fax: 661-270-0547
Cell: 661-917-5764
E-mail: Mrugly01@aol.com

Spring Music Festival

Join us for our first outdoor Spring Music Festival at the Lakes Community Center from 2 - 11 pm on May 15. Two very popular bands will perform: Damon Van Buren Band (R&B, blues and rock) from 2 - 6 pm and The Soulutionaires from 7 to 11 pm. Hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks, and beer will be for sale all day. Admission is only $2. For information, call 724-1293.

Will Barren Ridge Project Go Away?

Is there a slim hope that the DWP won't go forward with the Barren Ridge Transmission Project which threatens to take homes by eminent domain in Green Valley?

"We need to watch the LADWP very closely," said Norm Hickling, deputy to Supervisor Antonovich. "They cancelled a project near Palm Springs because of community pushback," he said.

Hickling told residents attending the Green Valley Town Council meeting on April 14 that the DWP owes the City of Los Angeles $73 million and has said they will have to raise rates in order to pay this debt.

"They say they can't afford to pay the $73 million to the City of L.A., but then they are talking about a billion dollar project," he said, referring to Barren Ridge, the project that could go through Elizabeth Lake and Green Valley.

Residents are urged to continue voicing their opinions about the project by writing to the people who make the decisions. For a complete address list, email dahlia.grossman@verizon.net

CONTACT THE YODELER

Ads, payments and articles for the Junel 1 issue must be received by May 15. Send submissions to dahlia.grossman@verizon.net and payments to Mountain Yodeler, Box 444, Lake Hughes, CA 93532.

For more information, call 661-724-1293 or 965-2201.

Woman's Club members after a meeting at the Lakes Community Center.
The group invites you to attend its next meeting as a their guest and see if you want to join.
The Woman's Club meets at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of every month.
See ad below for info about the annual yard sale.
Grossman photo.

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SAT JUNE 5
Green Valley Charitable Hall

SAT JUNE 12
Lakes Community Center

9AM - 3PM

FireSafe Council

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HUGE YARD SALE

Saturday, May 1
8 am to 3 pm
In the parking lot of the
Lakes Community Center

Please donate items for us to sell.
Drop off items on the day of the sale
between 6 am and 10 am.

All money raised will be used by the Lakes Woman's Club for charitable donations to help local, national and international organizations.

Pet Vaccine Clinics Scheduled

CLINIC DATES

Lakes Community Center
Sat.: May 8, 1 - 2:30 pm

Green Valley Comm. Hall
Sat., May 29, 11 am - 1 pm
Sat., Sept. 18, 11 am - 1 pm

Leona Valley Comm. Bldg.
Thurs., June 17, 6 - 7:30 pm

FREE SELF GUIDED ART TOUR sponsored by the Acton/Agua Dulce Arts Council. Come see fine art in local artist's studios and designated businesses!
Date: Saturday, May 15
Time: 10 am to 5 pm
Where: artist's studios and businesses in Agua Dulce, Acton and Lancaster.
Pick up Tour maps at Perkin' Up coffeehouse. For more info call 661-547-8632 or visit our blog: highdesertart.blogspot.com

Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

On page 4 of the April 1, 2010 issue of "The Mountain Yodeler" in the Sheriffs Report it states, (Deputy) "Ferrell also noted that Supervisor Antonovich has given his team several wenches for its trucks to facilitate in the cleanup of squatter camps."

I've got a couple of questions about the wenches: Are they the 5000 pound or 8000 wenches?

Assuming the wenches are all county employees, wouldn't it be less expensive for Supervisor Antonovich to supply winches for the trucks? This way the county doesn't have to pay into a pension for the wenches or for medical/dental/workmans comp insurance, etc.

On second thought, a winch is really only limited to pulling a vehicle when it's stuck or to move another object. Maybe the wenches were a better choice.

Just curious,
Bill Folwell, Green Valley

In Loving Memory
Johnnie Carl Mays aka "Big John"

January 15, 1930 to March 22, 2010

John was a great husband of 59 ½ years to Dorothy, father to Carla, John Jr. (deceased) and Julie, and grandfather to Eric, Jonas, Justin, Jacob, Aaron and Luke.

He loved building wonderful things with his hands and spending time camping in the High Country of the Sierra. In his 80 years celebrating life, he made 11 trips driving cross-country to New York to visit family. He also enjoyed taking the RV to the Ventura Rincon Beaches. John Mays was most happy when he was around his friends and a big fire," according to Paul Britz.

In his home community of Green Valley, where he lived for 42 years, he was known as the "go to man" in any time of need. Many of us can recall a time when John and his "big truck" came to the rescue!

John was a great man and is now where he always wanted to be, "up high, watching the trees go."

SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 15
2 to 11 pm
Lakes Community Center

Admission: $2

MUSIC
FOOD
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2 - 6 pm
Damon Van Buren Band
Blues, R&B, Rock; one of the AV's top bands!!

7 - 11 pm
The Soulutionaires
You heard them at 49ers Day !! They are back!!

I.D. needed
to purchase beer.

For information,
call 724-1293.

Sponsored by The Lakes Community Center. All proceeds will be used for the restoration of our building.

Norm Hickling, deputy to Supervisor Antonovich presented Laura "cha" Vernetti with a commendation for outstanding community service at Green Valley's April town council meeting. Cha has served for three terms on the town council.She is still active on the Fire Safe Council.

MUSIC FESTIVAL MAY 15
SEE PAGE 3

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Sheriffs Report

Resident Deputy Bob Schneider reported at the Green Valley Town Council meeting that things have been quiet in the Lakes and Valleys during the past month. He did say, however, that trailer breakins continue in Leona Valley and the Lakes. "They are stealing chainsaws, weed eaters and power generators," he said.

Green Valley resident Laura Vernetti asked if anything could be done about the rash of malicious vandalism and petty theft plaguing Green Valley. "They stole a (metal) cowboy, frogs and signs," said Laura. "And they changed the wording on the road closure sign," she said.

If you have any information about any of these crimes, please contact the Palmdale Sheriffs station.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT
Church of the Lakes
"Chariots of Fire"
Based on a true story, Chariots of Fire is the Internationally-acclaimed Oscar-winning drama of two very different men who compete as runners in the 1924 Paris Olympics.
May 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

I read in your paper that now Leona Valley has some kind of "Important Person Award". This is in addition to the "Special person" or "Best Citizen" awards in the Lakes and Green Valley.

Can you all please just get back to doing the right thing and not making a big stink about it? We did fine before when everyone was quiet and just took care of things. We need more action and less back patting. (Water rate hikes (huge!!!), developers coming in, power lines, and such)There's tons of stuff facing our communities, so maybe the people in charge should just take care of those things first and leave the awards for later. DO something, please.

Sincerely,
Phillip Watson
Elizabeth Lake

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Little League Hits Homer with Fundraiser

By Gillian and Elisabeth Chatfelter

The Lakes Little League Spaghetti Dinner was very well attended on Friday evening, April 16. Held at the Sapphire Room at the Lake Elizabeth Golf Course, the event was deemed a success. All-you-could-eat spaghetti, rolls, salad and dasert were served to a group of hungry supporters. A raffle and silent auction were also held. The evening's proceeds are going to be used to purchase new baseball equipment.

Good job, Lakes Little League volunteers! You hit a home run!

Photos by Gillian Chatfelter

The *Yodeler*'s new staff photographer Gillian Chatfelter wins a raffle prize!

East Wing of Community Center Near Completion

By Bill Beeson
Contributing writer

The Lakes Community Center building is still standing and it's never been closer to open this valuable leisure building. We had zero art funds to start the task, but it was long overdue. I believe that if we had delayed the work any longer we might not have been able to save this building.

In the process, all the people and organizations who contributed created a spirit that was amazing to be a part of.

It also gave us the opportunity to create a 'learning center' for seeing and documenting our town's history. We now have safe, clean, handicap accessible rest and meeting facilities.

Above work needs to be done to complete the east wing, but I feel that the spirit that has been created will continue and that we will have the work completed by June. We will then have the building ready for our 49er's Days. With a successful 49er's Days event we will have the funds to renovate the west wing.

The spirit of our local people is shown by their generous donations to the building fund.

$1,000.00 donations
Don and Roberta Mullis
Kevin and Greg Judd
Tom and Linda Joynt
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The Lakes Woman's Club
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The Lakes Town Council - $995
Dale and Dawn Stewart - $995

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Also to Mike Amold, who not only did a great job finishing the concrete work, but also got the concrete donated by Arrow Ready Mix, who supplied five yards free of charge; to Stock Building Materials, Associated Ready Mix, and all the volunteers who have helped to get our center in good shape, and the volunteers who helped in the fund raising.

Also to Leo Ocampo, who installed the landscaping, irrigation, Landscape Development Inc. who donated 200 sand bags and the irrigation glue and Russell Hurst for doing survey work.

Thank You.

Special thanks go to the Building Committee: Tom Joynt, Gene Heintz, Frank Rochester (our treasurer), Mike Goerisch, David and Karan Hall, Alan Carley, Bud Lehner, Al Carlson, and me - Bill Beeson.

Thank you all and let us "Rebuild Our Future While Preserving our Past."

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On both days we will be serving a full breakfast and hamburgers, hot dogs and chili for lunch. Call Cheryl at the Pony Express, 270-1039, for info.

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The G.V.C.H. board

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Special thanks go to the people and companies that have helped in getting this project done. my employees, Miguel and Pedro, who did the hard (and not-so-nice) demo and digging under that building; Mike Goresh, who came by every day free of charge to help demo and reconstruct what needed to be done and who continues to be our go-to guy;

Also to Johnny Cat, who would stop in to help in any way that was needed; and Tom Joynt, community center board member, with whom we could consult on management decisions. Also, to Bud Lehner, a member who was always there with help in every way. He gave us the cool drinking fountain. To Al Carlson, who helped with the CAD design; Brian Addicott, our architect, who did design and structural specs. He did our design for the learning center desk (very cool).

Also, to Steve Morril, who gave us the structural beams; to our horseshoe guy, plumber Dick Blankenship, who helped redesign and install our plumbing, with Johnny Cat's help; to Jim Rogers, our electrician (and Chili and Soup Cookoff organizer); to Jeff deHass, who helped us with the reconstruction of our new storage area and for his years of community work at the center;

Also to Danny Conway, a local talent, who helped us reconstruct the old windows that have now become our new display cases; and to Will Barber, who put back the roof (with no leaks).

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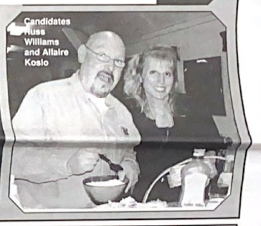

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Browne Sisters Perform

Every once in a while, I find a place that has excellent food and great entertainment and where it is a pleasure just to sit and relax. About a year ago, I discovered Butler's Coffee in Palmdale, owned and operated by Dave and Pam Butler. Their veggie wraps are so incredible that I started watching Pam make them, then tried it myself at home. Forget that! I diced when I should have sliced and chopped when I should have grated. In the end, I decided to leave the cooking to the experts.

They have a large variety of coffees, shakes, sandwiches and snacks. For the Butlers, this coffeehouse is their dream, and it shows in the way they make their food and in their friendly manner. Butler's is the type of place you can go to alone and not feel uncomfortable. Both teens and adults bring their laptops and use the free Wi-Fi, which is provided for customers. Board games and books are also provided for those who want to play a relaxing (or viciously competitive) game of Scrabble.

But the most exciting thing about Butler's Coffee is the music. Owner Pam Butler and her two sisters, Diane Smith and Laura Sorenson, perform traditional Irish and Scottish music, among other things. They have beautiful voices and sing in perfectly blended harmony. Joining them on stage is their talented cousin George Kavanaugh on guitar and vocals. This act is not to be missed. In addition, several times a month, guest artists perform everything from blues to country. For more information, go to butlerscoffee.com. Butler's is located at 40125 10th St. West, Palmdale. Phone: 272-9530. They are open 7 days/week.

The Browne Sisters (Browne is their maiden name) performed at Butler's Coffee's recent "40s Night." Left to right: Diane, Laura, and Pam. Grossman photo. (See article, this page.)

Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

I commend Deputy Robert Ferrell, Community Policing, for maintaining the favorable police/community partnership in The Lakes area. For the past several years he has regularly provided Lakes Town Council meetings with concise and lucid information about sheriff's activities throughout the Antelope Valley. He seems always prepared with specifics, including displays that are assuring to our audience.

Ferrell's friendly, but firm and professional, personality allows him to connect with residents, including several difficult critics, while presenting the goals and tactics of the Sheriff's Department in a favorable light.

Thank you for the consistently excellent service provided by Deputy Ferrell.

Sincerely, Norm Judd

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Antelope Valley Area Plan Update

Results Meeting

Please join Los Angeles County Planning Staff at the community meeting nearest your home to discuss the results of the TOWN & COUNTRY area plan update process and see the first draft of the land use map for the Antelope Valley.

SCHEDULE FOR ALL MEETINGS

6:00-7:00 pm	Open House
7:00-8:45 pm	Presentation
May 17, 2010 George Lane Park 5520 W Avenue L-8 Quartz Hill, CA 93536	May 19, 2010 Jackie Robinson Park Gymnasium 8773 E Avenue R Sun Village, CA 93543
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CERT Team to Hold Exercise at Lakes Church

Hello Lakes & Valleys CERT team,

We had a great exercise on March 20 at AV Hospital. Thanks again to all who participated.

We are planning our first-ever local CERT exercise on June 26.

The exercise will be held in Lake Hughes at Church of the Lakes. It is a 2-story, pre-1933 building and presents an ideal example of where more than just a few people might get trapped or need help.

The exercise will start at 8 a.m. and take approximately 3 hours, and in that period of time we will also be visiting Fire Station 78, as well as the emergency containers located in Elizabeth Lake and Lake Hughes. We will again be practicing our triage skills and search & rescue.

Mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing you there! It should be a great learning experience as well as a lot of fun.

Please pre-register with me so we can organize the exercise.

Regards,

Robin Kennard, Lakes & Valleys Team Captain
917-8806, 724-0335, robsusakiwi@msn.com.

How Our Lakes Were Named (And Who Owns the Land)

To the editor:

Hi Dahlia,

Good article about Lake Elizabeth. As Louisa Stephen stated about Lake Elizabeth being the largest lake in L.A. County, she is right. But many people do not know the right way to say it. Both Lake Hughes and Lake Elizabeth are both natural lakes. The way you know is by the way you put the word "lake" first.

For example, all man-made lakes and reservoirs go by name first, then lake, like Castaic Lake, Pyramid Lake, etc. That is why you see from the I-5 Castaic Exit, "Lake Hughes Road" as it is a natural lake. So as I said, the proper saying for the lakes is put the word "Lake" first. Thanks for all the news.

Regarding the land under the lakes, like the ranch club, they own the land to the dam, and the forest services owns the rest of the land.

Lake Hughes is the same way. The forest Service owns the land, but the State of California Water Resources owns the water above the land. This is why the Dept. of Fish & Game enforce the fishing laws. The water in both of the lakes belongs to the state.

John and Tana Damann
Former Lake Hughes residents
Retired U.S.D.A. Forest Ranger (John)

Deputy Explains Nuisance Abatement

By Dahlia Grossman

Last month we reported that the Sheriffs Dept. Nuisance Abatement Team had investigated several properties in Leona Valley. Because several Leona Valley residents were upset by the manner in which the investigations were carried out, the town council invited Deputy Rob Ferrell, who oversees the team, to explain to residents how his team works.

Ferrell explained that the process begins with a complaint from either an individual or a public agency. Complaints range from unpermitted trailers, multiple inoperable vehicles and piles of junk on properties to animal abuse and squatters camps.

Once a complaint is received, Regional Planning sends someone out to assess the situation. If they suspect criminal activity, a *safety hazard, if there are* three or more violations of any kind, or if the area involved is extremely large, a referral is made to the Nuisance Abatement team.

"Because of (a history of) problems with people in trailers, it will generally always make the list (be referred to Nuisance Abatement)," said Deputy Ferrell. "We err on the side of safety," he said, especially since the death of Deputy Sorensen, who was killed during a routine investigation in Lake LA.

Ferrell explained that if a violation is discovered, the occupant is given 30 days to correct it. If it is not corrected, the person is fined. "There is a great misunderstanding that we do this to generate revenue," said Ferrell. "If the situation is corrected, there is no fine," he said.

Ferrell noted that if no progress is made in 30 days, an actual ticket for a misdemeanor crime is issued. "Some of the things we see a lot of are thefts of electricity and (unpermitted) add-ons," said Ferrell. In a slide show

Page 5 of some of the major activities of his team, Ferrell showed squatters living in trailers or motor homes on vacant land. In most cases, *the living structures were surrounded by piles of junk, which, according to Deputy Ferrell, is a sign of methamphetamine use. "I don't understand why, but meth users go through dumpsters and haul this junk back to their homes," he said.*

In one shocking situation, squatters living in a house near Elizabeth Lake Road and 10th Street West had acquired electricity by rigging a bizarre contraption made of a car battery and a generator. Ferrell said it was so dangerous that even the fire department wouldn't touch it. Edison had to be called to disassemble it.

Remember the red flags that can bring the Nuisance Abatement Team to your home: 1) a law enforcement issue; 2) a safety hazard; 3) three or more violations of any kind, or 4) a large area of property containing a violation, such as piles of junk.

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The Art Page

Todd Cooper
Art Editor

state of the ART in our community

Squint!

Your mom told you "Don't squint!" and if you see someone squinting, you figure they're either angry or need glasses.

Murray Tinkelman, head of the Illustration MFA program at Hartford Art School, said "Squinting can replace art school."

Squinting is one of the biggest secrets to success in representational art. Every seasoned artist knows this, but even the best have to constantly remind themselves. It's easy to forget.

By squinting, the eye can be made to defocus, or, by further reforming the shape of the eyeball, bring subjects into sharper focus. Also, by drawing together the eyelids like an external iris diaphragm, you see the subject as more or less reduced to black and white. When work is viewed without the benefit of color, decisions can be more readily made. It seems that in standard easel-working vision, you "can't see the forest for the trees." The squint becomes a quick and easy re-evaluation technique that simply gives the artist a second opinion.

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LVAG NOTES

Members! Sign up for gallery sitting! Just put your name on the calendar at the gallery.

LVAG logo merchandise is available at **www.zazzle.com/TheCoyoteStudios/LVAG**

The next LVAG general meeting will be Sunday **May 30, 2010, 2pm**, at the Lakes & Valleys Gallery, 43751 Lake Hughes Rd, Lake Hughes.

LEONA VALLEY CROWNS 2010 QUEENS

Maria with her family

The queens are crowned.

Amie with her family

Photos: Dahlia Grossman

Congratulations to Leona Valley's 2010 queens, who were crowned on Saturday, March 20 at the community building. Reigning as 2010 Miss Leona Valley is Maria Norton; 2010 Junior Miss Leona Valley is Amie Fitzpatrick.

Maria was sponsored by All About me Salon, Casa Gutierrez, Dollar Tree, Master Yin, Matt McGuffee, Mosman's Hay and Feed and Mr. and Mrs. McGuffee. Amie was sponsored by Cal Firefighters at L.A. County Fire Station 140, Casa Gutierrez, Crazy Otto's, JV Automotive, Lady Looks, Leona Valley Art Gallery, Sign Systems, Terry Kenney (Farmer's), Villa Del Sol, Worthington Tractors and Tracee and Jeff Fitzpatrick.

A representative of the AV Fair presented outgoing Miss Leona Valley, Jennifer Biehl, with a certificate of appreciation for her community service.

In a surprise addition to the program, Christine Stoddard presented Kim Benjamin with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in recognition of her many years as pageant coordinator.

The new queens looked beautiful in their gowns and they will make Leona Valley proud as they represent their community in the coming year.

Maria's father escorts her to the stage.

2009 Miss Leona Valley received a certificate of appreciation for community service from the AV Fair board.

Kim Benjamin was recognized for her dedicated service.

Actor Will Smith presented Angelica Vale with a Young Hollywood Award.

GREEN VALLEY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Photos: Lu Bole

GREEN VALLEY EASTER EGG HUNT

Photos: Dick and Bev Brownfield

Congratulations to K.C. Poston of Green Valley, who won the beautifully decorated ostrich egg. (See photo)

Lakes Community Center Soup Cookoff

Back row, Tom Joynt, Gene Heintz, Tom Hamilton, Jim Rogers; Front row: Linda Joynt, Jr. Miss Lakes Ashley Wade, Miss Lakes Princess Nicola Hamilton and Sandi Rogers.

Congratulations to the winners of the Lakes Community Center's first soup cookoff. Florence Bandy won first place for her clam chowder, Jim Rogers - who had never cooked soup before in his life - took second place for his chicken noodle soup, and Tom Joynt won third place for his creamy chicken soup. (See photo at left.)

First prize was $100, second was $50 and third was $25.

A special thanks to three members of the Lakes Town Council - Jim Walker, Karen Graham and Chuck Kevwitch - who served as judges. (See photo below.)

All proceeds from the event will be used for the renovations we are doing on the building.

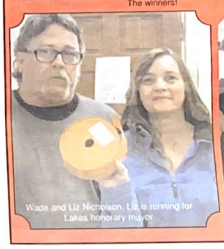
Two of the winning recipes are printed on page 16.

Photos: Dahlia Grossman

The winners!

In the kitchen with Frank.

Miss Lakes Princess Nicola Hamilton serves the judges.



Wade and Liz Nicholson. Liz is running for Lakes honorary mayor.

The taste test.

The judges deliberate.

LEONA VALLEY ST. PATRICKS DAY

Photos: Dahlia Grossman

Chipping Days

From page 1

abatement inspector, David Bracken informed residents at the April Fire Safe Council meeting that the deadline is June 1, 2010. This was also confirmed by John Cervantes, Green Valley inspector.

The Fire Safe Council FSC notifies the county which properties are scheduled to be cleared.

We hope to see you at some of our meetings and upcoming events. Our next meeting is May 5 in Green Valley at 7 pm. For more information please call 270-9911.

CERT Class to be Held in Green Valley

At last we have managed to arrange a CERT Level I class in Green Valley. This will be the ONLY local class available to the Lakes, Valleys and Three Points residents for the forseeable future, due to budget constraints.

The class will be held at Green Valley Community Center, Spunky Canyon Road on May 8, 15 and 22. You must attend all three dates to receive your certification. The class will be held from 8 am to 4 pm with an hour break for lunch.

If you know anyone who is interested in attending this class please have them contact me as soon as possible.

Thank you, Robin Kennard
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LAKES WOMANS CLUB

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
Wed., May 12 at 7 pm
Lakes Community Center

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For information about joining the Lakes Womans Club, call Judy at 724-2382.

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Leona Valley Community Church has partnered with the Treasure Box to provide these boxes in our community and neighboring communities. Once a month we pick up the boxes ordered and bring them to 9306 Leona Ave, Leona Valley, so you can pick them up from us . To order your boxes and see the menus please go to WWW.thetreasurebox.org and get ready to stretch your food dollars.

It's simple. Just go to the web site and click on "find a location." Put in your zip code and it will place you within 20 miles of your location. Then order your box or boxes and we will do the rest. There is no limit to the number of boxes you can order.

Hope to see you soon,
Leona Valley Community Church
661-270-0353

Above: Tom Crawford, 29, of Monrovia, won the 50-mile Leona Divide ultra marathon with a time of 6:25:59. He beat the standing record of Jorge Pacheco by about 3 minutes. See article and more photos on page 18.

Trash Days / Dumpster Days Planned

The Lakes Community Center will hold a Trash Day on May 22 from 9 am until the dumpsters are full.

We are only getting two dumpsters from Waste Management, so it is first come, first served. You will be asked to make a small donation, which will help pay for the restoration of the building.

You can bring appliances and furniture, but please do not bring hazardous waste, such as paint, TV or computer monitors, etc.

Please do not bring brush. We are having a separate chipping day on June 12 from 9 to 3 at the Community Center. You will be able to bring branches that need to be chipped. (Please see article, page 1.)

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Congratulations to Lake Elizabeth resident and 4th grade student, Olivia Flynn, who received Honor Roll and an Award for the Best School Artist for Valley View Elementary. Olivia, former student of HELUS, is also designing the cover of the school's year-end book.

Recycling Returns

Recycling has returned to Green Valley thanks to Warren and Cathay Bemiller, owners of Heart n' Soul, and Waste Management. The bins are located on the triangular shaped parcel of land owned by the Bemillers on the corner of Spunky, San Fran and Calle el Monte.

Dumpster Day for Green Valley June 5

Gt rid of unwanted furniture and appliances on June 5 at Green Valley's Dumpster Day. The dumpsters will be located across from Spunky Canyon Market. Sponsored by GV Town Council and Waste Management. This is the same day as chipping day. No hazardous waste, please.

Congratulations to Grizzly, owned by Jay and Alice Benoit of Leona Valley, who has been designated a master hunter. By the order of the American Kennel Club, Grizzly received his PhD as a hunting dog. He is now Grizzly Discoveries, Master Hunter. Grizzly received the highest score possible, better than all of his Southern California peers at the Master level this season, according to Alice. In order to earn this degree, Grizzly had to show excellence in hunting, bird finding, pointing, trainability, retrieving, and honoring.

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Clean Up, Fix Up Mailboxes

If you were a visitor to our fine town, what would be your first impression? Especially if you were to look at the long rows of mailboxes, some leaning to the left or back, some smashed, some where the rusty door is hanging by a thread! How about those where the door won't close at all?

Do any of these things apply to your mailbox? The Lake Hughes Post Office would like to declare May as **Mailbox Beautification Month** and challenge all of our customers to make our town look more beautiful.

Now let's talk about the inside of the mailboxes. Every day a carrier has to put their hand in these boxes, and quite frankly, I would like to see no trash, red ants, wasps, or spiders in and around the mailboxes. Perhaps you would like to help a neighbor who can't fix their own box? Would you like to volunteer? Let us know.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to those unsung heroes who take it upon themselves to weedwack around the mailboxes.

If considering replacing your mailbox please purchase a Postmaster General approved locking mailbox. REMEMBER: if the boxes are all locked the thieves will have to go somewhere else because our boxes are too much trouble.

Thank You, Terry Moran, Office in Charge/Postmaster

Ticket Thief is Being Watched!

By Dick Brownfield

Fifty Jet Hawks tickets for the July 31, 7 pm game have been rudely stolen from my car on Easter morning.

These tickets were meant to be a fundraiser for Green Valley, with the proceeds going for a new roof for the hall.

Just know that WHOEVER TOOK THE TICKETS FROM MY CAR IS BEING WATCHED, and we will prosecute, if the tickets are not returned to Green Valley Charitable Hall, 15444 Spunky Cyn. Rd., PMB 840, Green Valley CA 91390 (no questions asked)!!!!

Also understand that we and security will be checking the seat numbers on July 31 IN FULL FORCE to find out who the seller was. You can run, but you can't hide. And again, we will prosecute.

It is quite the "CHEAP SHOT" when people have to resort to stealing from someone else's property or automobile to enhance their own needs. Times are tough for us all, thus the reason to place "THIEF" at the end of your name.

PLEASE RETURN THE TICKETS!!!!!

Lakes resident Shelby Jones captured this photograph of a turkey vulture over Kiptree Drive during March. Shelby saw several of the birds sitting in the treetops.

Letter to the Editor

Re April 2010 statement by Principal/Superintendent, Ms. Diane Parkins.

Dear Ms. Parkins:

The recent statement regarding the accomplishment of H.E.L.U.S. being nominated as a California Distinguished School is missing two important items. The first is that the nomination was brought about by two teachers, Mrs. Rhonda Gonzales and Mrs. Jennifer Johnson. The second is the unfortunate reality that both of these teachers who worked so hard to attain the Distinguished School goal are being dismissed at the end of the 2009-2010 year.

It goes without saying that Mrs. Gonzales and Mrs. Johnson have been dedicated. Like all the teachers at H.E.L.U.S., they have gone over-and-above what has been expected of them. The irony here, of course, is that they will not be able to reap the rewards of their effort. Dismissing teachers solely according to seniority, instead of proficiency, has always been illogical. This custom is finally beginning to find a voice of objection throughout the country. Needless to say, if accomplishment and dedication were the basis of judgement, Mrs. Gonzales and Mrs. Johnson would never be considered for dismissal.

This decision may result in more split-classes for the 2011-2012 year and beyond. Split classes are never an ideal situation for teacher or student. If we are to promote our school by mentioning small class sizes, we also need to focus on how teacher dismissal will affect the upper grades as well. With the necessary teacher aide/support also being reduced, how will only 14 classroom teachers be able to handle the K-8 grades without being spread too thinly?

It would be commendable of the Board to reconsider this decision and, at the very least, allow these two invaluable teachers to stay one more year. It is worth considering that perhaps during the 2011-2012 year our new "Distinguished School" aspect may draw new students and improve our enrollment.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Chatfelter

The High Desert Organic Gardener

By Robert Kerekes, contributing writer

For beginners and those that have limited growing areas, growing crops that deliver bountiful harvests from small areas is very important. Such crops are densely grown under crowded conditions.

Some root crops are sure fire for such conditions. Carrots, beets, parsnips, radishes, salsify, turnips, burdock, and edible root Hamburg parsley varieties are examples. Not only do these crops grow well in close proximity but they can be eaten as they are thinned.

Carrots can be planted any time from March through July so I plant a bed in March and then again in July and this will give me carrots all year long. Root crops are great to plant after other crops are over as root crops do not need much fertilizer. But I have discovered that some fertilization does produce bigger, better crops. So far I have had no pests on any of these crops.

Another group of crops for high production close gardening is leeks, garlic, onions, shallots and scallions, all of which, so far, have been pest free.

Other crops that produce much in a small space are lettuce, endive, mache, asparagus, parsley, bok choy, and Chinese cabbage.

Another way to minimize space is to grow crops that can be trellised, such as cucumbers, some squashes, melons, and some legumes, such as some beans and peas.

For fruit trees, dwarf and semi-dwarf are best choices. Such trees are limited in size yet produce heavy fruitings of full-sized fruit. Grape vines are also good as they can grow along a fence or over an arbor. Grapes like full sun and it is best to not plant wherever there is a winter-time cold sink.

I still struggle with best pruning methods.

My mother's sister, Audrey, married into an Italian family of all men who grew many things not far from Nyack, New York. They had a huge, thick, concord grape arbor under which was a large table and chairs. I have no idea how or if they pruned that arbor but it was always loaded with grapes. They also made wine but for that they had large, black grapes in crates shipped from California.

This year, for the first time, I am using a large, waterproof heating pad in the green house. It's one of those things said over and over again by many, "Why didn't I do this sooner?" What I'm seeing is that young plants will do well in very cool conditions as long as their feet are warm. I'm seeing faster, healthier growth, even with the air dropping down just below freezing in the greenhouse. I cover the seedlings at night to keep heat in except for small leeks and onions, which can take some cold at night.

The heat from the heating pad raised the air temperature by six degrees over what the temperature would have been without the pad there. The pad draws 110 watts. My heater draws 1500 watts and doesn't keep the soil as warm. I could easily use four pads. Time will tell. That's one of the things I like about time.

Some time ago I recommended starting parsley early as it is cold hardy but that makes it go to seed too early in less than a season. So plant later so it doesn't think it has already gone through a winter and it will seed the second season. During mild winters, like this last one, it will stand all through the winter.

Food borne illnesses costs us Americans $152 billion annually. Must help the medical industry. Add that cost to the price of food and organic foods begin to look cheap.

When large producers are government subsidized that is our money subsidizing those producers. We pay to make them more competitive in the so-called free market, which it is not. If the county, for example, were to subsidize me to grow organic produce would I not then have an unfair advantage?

The Garden Co-op meets monthly on the second Saturday at 3 pm at my place. Call or e-mail me for directions.

There are three openings in the horse co-op. These would be for people who do not have horses. Shared costs and work reduce the load for everyone and the horses get more attention, which is good for them. The riding season has arrived.

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Leona Valley Important Person: Sharon Rohaley

By Christine Stoddard
Courtesy Leona Valley's Cherry Chapters

At the March general meeting of the Leona Valley Improvement Association Sharon Rohaley was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation as LVIA's Leona Valley Important Person (LVIP) for March. She was selected for this commendation because of her involvement in the community and most especially for her devotion to our youth.

As part of the Sitts family, Sharon arrived in Leona Valley in 1973. Probably less than six months later the family purchased goats and got involved with 4-H.

Learning to play a guitar and having a beautiful singing voice, Sharon got involved with the choir at St. Elizabeth's Mission. She is also the choir director at the Father Serra Church. Sharon and daughter Melissa lead the singing at the 4-H organized Memorial Day Services.

Sharon became involved in leadership positions in the local 4-H club when her children became members. She shares the leadership role with Monica Herriott.

This is not an easy task and the job that Sharon does serves many purposes. Primarily the 4-H Club gives children and young people in our community something creative to do. Most especially they learn a sense of community and they learn responsibility to their community.

It is important to Sharon that the kids have a sense of proprietorship and belonging in the club and in the community.

Sharon is a mother of five, works full time as an escrow officer and office manager, gives at least 10 hours to her church and is dedicated in handling her responsibilities as a 4-H leader.

She still finds the time and energy to get together with her friends and family.

Congratulations, Sharon!

Photo: Sharon Rohaley, right, receives a certification of appreciation from LVIA. Grossman photo.

Big Kids' Book Corner:

A Gathering of Days by Joan W. Blos

Reviewed by Dawn Baertlein

A Gathering of Days is the diary of 13-year-old Catherine Cabot Hall from October of 1830 through March of 1832. This older Newbery Award winner, written in 1979, does not strive for action-packed adventure, but for an accurate depiction of the often difficult New Hampshire farm life of the 1800s.

Catherine's mother died a few years back along with her little brother, her father's only son. Catherine is left to care for her father and little sister, but she lacks certain household skills, having no mother to teach her.

Fortunately, the nearest neighbor and mother of her best friend offers assistance and training whenever possible. Routine things like laundry and the preservation of food for the long cold winter are not so simple for a girl on her own.

Political and social issues of the day come up, too, such as slavery and the appropriate education for girls. (Only the boys are taught mathematics beyond a certain point.) When Catherine's father comes home from Boston with a new wife and step-son, it's both a blessing and a disruption.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the book is Catherine's encounter with a phantom in the woods and the note it left behind.

PLEEZ MISS TAKE PITTY I AM COLD

It seems likely that the phantom is really an escaped slave fleeing northward. Catherine struggles with her father's opinion that escaped slaves must be turned in, and the Bible's edict to help those less fortunate.

A Gathering of Days is a quiet book with moments that touch the heart. It's a quick and worthy read at only 144 pages, and would be suitable for ages 11 and up.

Locals Finish 50k Marathon

Fifty Miles and Fifty Kilometers is Far!

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By Allaire Kosilo

On a perfect poppy-filled springtime Saturday morning at 6 am, April 17, on the bridge leading to our Lakes Community Center over 200 runners were welcomed. The clanger rang and we were off and running. Bob Large came to see us off.

I am so happy that four of the runners for this 18th Annual Leona Divide race were local. We are very lucky to have residing in Elizabeth Lake a phenomenal runner: Gerardo Perez. He had just run the American River 50 *miler the week* before and then won the 50K here! Kim Ann Fuess of Elizabeth Lake ran an awesome 50 miles in 10:07!. Way to go; you are remarkable. Frank Toothaker is amazing for signing up just five weeks prior to the race and finished so well and so strong.

Last but not least, slow and steady, yours truly with a respectable finish too. The new race director, Keira Henninger said, "How many 'mayors' do you know that run 32 miles/50K?"

The first place finishers broke records! (See page 15)

Congratulations to all and I hope to see more of you enjoying this beautiful run next year.

Kudos to the Lakes Community Center kitchen volunteers from the Women's Club: Linda and Tom Joynt, Sharon Lehner, and Carol Earle. Dinner and lunch were both so delicious. And everyone at the aid stations: we could not have done it without you! You rock! Thank you.

So, speaking of the Lakes Community Center, I need your support. As I completed the 50 kilometers, I ask if you would consider sending $1 for every kilometer I ran to benefit our non-profit: Lakes Community Center/?. Only $1 per kilometer. Plus you get raffle tickets for prizes given out at our 49er Day, Saturday, July 31. For $50, you receive 60 tickets, (an extra 10 free tickets)!

I know times are tough both economically and emotionally with most of us, especially myself. I am walking the talk as best I can to set a positive example for my community and my daughter Chloe. Be a part of my team, join me in this endeavor to model physical fitness, and live our motto: "Where Nature is your Neighbor." Help complete the renovation of the building. Please make checks out to Lakes Community Center Association or LCCA and mail to Allaire for Hon. Mayor, P. O. Box 371, Lake Hughes, CA 93532, call 661.609.1481 or email: allaire@lgc.org or find me on Facebook!

Gerardo Perez of Elizabeth Lake finished first in the 50k race, but is not the official winner because he is under 55 years old. The 50k race is technically for seniors.

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Average High- 59.7° Average Low- 35.4°
Average Temperature- 47.5°
Lowest High- 42° on 3-9
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Precipitation
Precipitation- 0.79" (3.58" Below Average, 1.21" Below Last Year)
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Snowfall- 0.10 Last Year- Trace

Outlook for May 2010

The last full month of spring gives you the first hint of summer with much warmer temperatures by the end of the month. Expect daytime highs in the mid 60s to mid 80s. The overnight lows will carry the nip of spring with high 30s to high 50s.

May Averages and Records

Temperature
High- 102° in 2001 Low- 30° in 1978
Average High- 74.5° Average Low- 46.9°
Average Temperature- 60.7°

Precipitation
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